Considerations in Developing Your World Language Portfolio

PLANNING INSTRUCTION:

- How do you design a unit that enables students to develop language proficiency within a cultural context?
- What is the relationship among the objectives, learning activities, and assessment in your unit?
- How do the learning activities in your unit enable your students to develop language proficiency?
- How does the cultural context of your unit enable your students to develop cultural understanding?
- How do the selection of your materials, resources, and activities accommodate individual student needs?

IMPLEMENTING INSTRUCTION:

- To what extent do you use the world language as the medium of communication in your instruction and in your exchange with students?
- How does your unit provide a cultural context that includes the products, practices, and perspectives of the culture being studied?
- How do you provide a risk-free environment that encourages students to communicate with one another using the world language to explore culture?
- How does your use of language provide a model for student learning?
- Describe the opportunities your students have to interact in the world language with one another.

ASSESSING STUDENT LEARNING:

- How do you monitor student learning and adjust instruction as needed?
- In what ways do you gather information about the performance of your students?
- In what ways do you communicate your expectations for performance to your students?
- What feedback do you provide for your students about their performance?
- How do you use student performance data to adjust or modify your instruction?

ANALYZING TEACHING:

- How effective were the instructional strategies, learning activities, and materials that you chose for this unit?
- Cite specific examples from your daily logs, classroom activities, and student work that support your conclusions.
- What instructional changes or modifications would you make to improve the learning outcomes of your students for a similar group of students in the future?
- Citing specific evidence from student work in this unit, why would you make these changes?